

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006
FOR THE JUNE 21, 2005 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

REPORTS

ARTICLE FIRST: To hear all reports that may legally come before the meeting.

FISCAL 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE SECOND:

Recommended that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article Third of the May 3, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to reduce the total \$12,863,132 appropriation made thereunder by reducing certain line item appropriations as designated below; and further, to meet said appropriation, transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash, and \$50,000 from Article Twentieth of the May 3, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, and raise and assess the reduced sum of \$12,648,878 for the purpose of funding the expenses of the Town from July 1, 2005, and determine the manner of expending the same. The reductions to certain line items are as follows:

Line Item	May 3, 2005 Appropriation	June 21, 2005 Proposed Appropriation	Fiscal 2006 Budget Reduction
Planning Board			
Wages	\$ 29,340	\$ 23,090	\$ 6,250
Fire Department			
Wages	392,698	372,698	20,000
Elementary Schools			
Instructional Materials	191,959	163,559	28,400
General Highway			
Other	203,695	178,695	25,000
Council On Aging			
Salary	38,417	28,813	9,604
Park & Cemetery Dept.			
Wages	128,934	107,078	21,856
Other	56,204	53,060	3,144

Total			\$ 114,254

For a total appropriation for the 2006 fiscal operating budget in the amount of \$12,748,878.

SALE OF ALCOHOL SECOND STORE LICENSE

ARTICLE THIRD: Recommended that no action be taken.

RECOMMENDATIONS AS VOTED BY THE TOPSFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Robert L. Winship, Chairman

Date: June 13, 2005

Heidi L. Bond

A. Richard Gandt

Mark A. Manning

Trudi I. Perry

Joel L. Uchenick

Dana E. Warren, Jr.